



DMFWDC Meeting Minutes

March 2026



OPENING:

New Guest: Richard Brown and his son Jacob Brown. Richard has a FJ Cruiser

REPORTS:

Trip Report: Trying to write the trip reports in more of a story format, let me know what you think.

🚗 21 February 2026 – Gauntlet Run up to the first swimming hole. Well, it was another beautiful New Mexico day and we all met up at the Y in Tuli. Four of us showed up for this run, Brian, Bill M., Jason M. and Kris T. Bill and Kris had their SxSs, Janson was in his Jeep on 43-inch sticky tires and I was in Whiplash (AKA Jeep Cherokee). We made our way up Coyote Canyon and stopped at Pucker Rock so Jason could give it a try. After a few attempts we decided, it wasn't going to happen so off we went. We entered into Articulation Alley; this is when things started to get interesting. Jason, Kris and I all made it through but Bill decided to lay his SxS on its side, not once but twice. He did self-recover and then made it through after a bit. The first ledge gave me a little trouble and took out my tail light but I made it through. The rest of the crew made it without incident. We made our way up through the ledges until we came to one the SxSs couldn't get over. Bill and Kris switched to foot power and walked the rest of the way. Jason and I both made it to the first swimming hole without further trouble. I will say that the 43-inch sticky tires made easy work of the beginning of the Gauntlet.

🚗 28 February 2026 – Round About: I'm going to have to think on this one for a minute. I think Al, Roger, Perry, Bill M., Mike, Allen, Greg, Kris and myself showed up for this one, but I could be wrong, if I missed someone sorry. I'll guess I'll start taking pictures at the beginning of the trip so we'll know who showed up. Anyway, Round About is a pretty easy trip for the most part. There are a few areas I forgot about but I guess that happens when we only run it once or twice a year. Age has nothing to do with it. 😊 The trip was good; everyone went down the steep wash out with no problems. We made our way up through the roads and back into the arroyo then back to some more roads. I did notice we need to do some trimming on the trail. Not too much else that I

can remember, I think Bills SxS fuel problems started on this trip not too sure but maybe. We all made it back alive, another successful trip.

✚ 1 March 2026 – Coyote Canyon and Upper Coyote Canyon with the Trail Hogs from El Paso area. We had 3 Toyota Tacoma's, a Jeep Gladiator, and 2 other Jeeps come up to join us for a little fun in the sun. Mike and Jo were also there along with myself. The Trail Hogs played on a lot of the optional obstacles in Coyote Canyon and the Toyota's suffered some carnage. I know one broke a front axle shaft and another one did a bumper delete. The Jeeps faired pretty well and made the entire trip to include Upper Coyote; the Toyotas turned back about 3/4s of the way to Upper Coyote. The rest of the trip was pretty fun with no other carnage that I'm aware of. We made it out by about 2:30PM which I was surprised we were done that quick since we spent a lot of time in Coyote Canyon playing around.

✚ 7 March 2026 – Rattle Snake Loop; this one Al led and I have a picture of us at lunch so I can see who all was there. Present; Al, Roger, Bill M., Armondo and Briauna, Gerald and Liisa, Allen, Johnathan, and myself, I think that was it. Al took us up and around what I think we usually travel the other direction on so it was a little confusing at first but after a while I figured out where we were. We stopped at the top of the hill for lunch which offered a great view. Then we headed down the hill and out past the corral and through the woods. We hit a washed-out area that was a little challenging but not too bad unless you're driving a Razor with a fuel problem. Turns out Bill's fuel problems went from bad to worse. I ended up pulling him for the rest of the trip. But we made it out alive once again. Good trip over all.

Financial:

- ✚ We have \$810 in the funds department which will go down considerably when the club pays me back for the new t-shirts.
- ✚ Speaking of the new T-shirts, it was motioned and voted on that we will charge fifteen dollars for the new T-shirts.

Face Book Group Page:

- ✚ Current membership went to 342 from 340 over the past month.

You Tube Info:

- ✚ Subscribers on the You Tube channel went from 668 to 672 this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ✚ The new stickers are now back in stock, see Mike if you wish to purchase some.

- ✚ T-shirts are supposed to be in by March 24th.
- ✚ A couple of new things on the Web site, fillable forms for new perspective members that can be filled out online and submitted to me via email. Also, a form in the member only area to update your personal data with the club.
- ✚ Still waiting on word back from the NM 4 Wheelers, for the trip on the 18th of April. If we don't hear anything we'll just do a normal run somewhere.
- ✚ Revised Club By-laws are posted on the web-site.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✚ Put the question out there about the Chile Challenge to see if anyone is interested in going. I'm thinking about going and running some level 5 and 6 trails. Just getting out there to meet new people and hang out is worth the trip.
- ✚ Dale was picked for the monthly vehicle. I have his info and the page is ready to be posted on the 1st of April.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- ✚ Emma's most awesome husband bought her a new Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited, it won't be seeing any trails.

TRIPS: (For more info on the trips, see the events page on the website.)

- ✚ 28 March 2026, meeting 9:00am at the Y in Tuli, running Coyote Canyon.
- ✚ 4 April 2026, meeting 9:00am at the Y in Tuli running the Powerlines
- ✚ 11 April 2026, meeting at the Y in Tuli doing a work party run on Round About

DOOR PRIZE:

- ✚ Greg was the winner of the coveted door prize this month

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

- ✚ Meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM. Thanks for coming, have a great night!